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REPLY TO: 2310 Recreation System Planning

Date: June 19, 1984

SUBJECT: Recreation User Reporting - R.M.

TO: District Rangers

Enclosed is a 1983 Recreation Use and Recreation Budget Summary that we mailed to Congressman Larry Craig in response to a request from his office.

In preparing it we found the regular WO RIM printouts do not furnish a similar use summary; consequently, we thought that you might like to have a copy.

In reviewing the Use Summary we feel there are excessively high use figures in some RIM Elements. Please take a close look at your 1984 use reporting procedures especially in dispersed areas.

Please feel free to call me or Gary Hathaway for ideas and methods of reporting recreation use in dispersed areas.

*Gary D. Morgan for*  
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Reply to: 1510

Date: June 14, 1984

Honorable Larry Craig  
House of Representatives  
1318 Longworth Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Craig:

Enclosed is a detailed breakdown of the recreation use and recreation budget information requested on June 11, 1984, by Dana Hoxey of your office.

Our total recreation use on the Kootenai National Forest for Calendar Year 1983 was 1,401,090 recreation visitor days. One recreation visitor day (RVD) is equivalent to one person staying on the National Forest for 12 hours.

Our recreation and trails expenditures on the Kootenai National Forest in FY 1983 totaled \$421,500. In FY 1983 we collected a total of \$37,354.22 in campground receipts and recreation special use fees.

Thanks for asking us to help; if you need more information please call at 406-293-6211.

Sincerely,

JAMES F. RATHBUN  
Forest Supervisor

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cc: WO w/copy of letter (3)  
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1983 KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST  
RECREATION USE SUMMARY  
BY KIND OF SITE OR AREA

<u>Kind of Site or Area</u>	<u>Reported RVD's</u>
<u>Developed Sites</u>	
1. Observation Sites	7,500
2. Playgrounds, Sports Sites	23,500
3. Boating Sites	139,713
4. Swimming Sites	34,200
5. Trailheads	10,700
6. Campgrounds	177,000
7. Picnic Grounds	36,924
8. Resorts and Lodges	2,400
9. Ski Areas (Downhill)	5,600
10. Ski Areas (Cross-Country)	7,500
11. Historical Sites	,400
12. Interpretive Sites and Nature Trails	15,000
Developed Site Subtotal	461,390 RVD's
<u>Dispersed Areas</u>	
1. Roads	308,047
2. Trails	71,435
3. Lakes and Ponds	47,625
4. Reservoirs	68,650
5. Rivers and Streams	58,850
6. Semi Primitive Nonmotorized Areas	95,543
7. Scenic Areas	31,900
8. Cabinet Wilderness	70,500
9. Proposed Wilderness Areas	35,050
10. General Undeveloped Areas	152,100
Dispersed Area Subtotal	939,700 RVD's
Total Use	1,401,090 RVD's

1983 KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST  
RECREATION USE SUMMARY  
BY ACTIVITIES

<u>Type of Activity</u>	<u>Reported RVD's</u>
Viewing Scenery and Touring	70,550
Viewing Activities (Spectator)	16,991
Viewing Works of Humankind and Exhibits	28,579
<u>Automobile Travel</u>	<u>247,329</u>
Motorcycle Travel	21,143
Snowmobile Travel	31,744
All-Terrain Vehicle Travel	,500
Boating Powered	49,036
Aircraft Motorized (Flying)	3,475
Aerial Trams and Lifts	,400
Aircraft, Nonmotorized (Hang Glider Flying)	,300
<u>Hiking and Walking</u>	<u>96,639</u>
Bicycling	5,300
Horseback Riding	24,482
Canoeing	7,951
Sailing	3,834
Other Nonpowered Boating	6,591
Sports Activities and Games	27,787
Swimming and Water Play	44,571
Diving	,500
Fishing	102,954
Ice Fishing	4,050
Family Camping	248,424
Organization Camping	2,500
Picnicking	67,784
Resort, Lodge, and Cabin Use	13,100
Ice Skating	,875
Sledding and Tobogganning	2,430
Skiing, Downhill	4,000
Skiing (Cross-Country) and Snowshoeing	22,425
Hunting, Big Game	70,289
Hunting, Small Game	5,289
Hunting, Upland Birds	16,805
Hunting, Waterfowl	13,055
Nature Study	47,147
Mountain Climbing	9,519
Gathering Forest Products	58,743
Attending Talks and Programs	2,732
Touring	4,700
Listening to Audio Programs	2,000
Obtaining General Recreation Information	<u>7,586</u>
Total RVD's	1,401,090

KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST  
FY 1983 RECREATION AND TRAIL EXPENDITURES  
AND  
FY 1983 RECREATION RECEIPTS

Recreation Expenditures

1. Developed Site Operation and Maintenance	\$172,300
2. Dispersed Site Operation and Maintenance	42,400
3. Wilderness Management (Cabinet Wilderness)	18,800
4. Cultural Resources Management	8,800
5. Timber Sale Support	84,200
6. Minerals and Energy Management Support	11,100
7. Land Management Planning (Forest Plan)	<u>25,000</u>
Total FY 1983 Recreation Expenditures	\$362,600

Trails Expenditures

1. Trail Maintenance (Nonwilderness)	\$50,700
2. Trail Maintenance (Wilderness)	<u>8,200</u>
Total FY 1983 Trails Expenditures	\$58,900

Calendar Year 1983 Recreation Receipts

1. Campground Receipts	\$34,666.22
2. Recreation Special Use Receipts	<u>2,688.00</u>
Total FY 1983 Recreation Receipts	\$37,354.22